61288, Houston TX 77208	ted States Bankruptcy Court SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS P.O.Box (Houston Division)		PROOF OF CLAIM		
Name of Debtors	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Case Number			
Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware cor Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas c Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Ne	orporation	00-35078-H2-11 00-35079-H2-11 00-35080-H2-11	00-35079-H2-11 Creditor ID#:		
*place an "x" beside the name of the Debtor against	you are filing a claim				
Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property):  Cecil Reese		Check box if you are aware that anyone else a filed a proof of claim relating to your claim.  Attach copy of statement giving particulars.	United States District Count  Southern District Count  FILED of Texas		
Name and address where notices should be			Inchaely 18 2000		
Cecil Reese 4262 5 Mile Rd	496	bankruptcy court in this case	Aichael N. Milby, Clerk		
Williamsburg Ml 49690-9317		Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court.	· Pry		
Account or other number by which creditor is	h creditor identifies debtor:  Check here replaces  if this claim amends a previously filed claim, dated:				
1. Basis for Claim  Goods sold Services performed		Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1114(a)  Wages, salaries, and compensation (Fill out below)			
Money loaned Personal injury/wrongful death		Your SS#: 37/ /			
Taxes Other		from			
2. Date debt was incurred:		3. If court judgment, date of	btained:		
<ol> <li>Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed If all or part of your claim is secured or entitle</li> </ol>	i: \$		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
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## OWER OF ATTORNEY

52 N. 5 Mile Road, Williamsburg, MI arol Jean Bowski of 4262 N. 5 Mile 49690, my Attorney in Fact with full cted by me, to conduct all of my do if personally present and with ng, but not by way of limitation, the

manage, maintain, improve, invest,
e, exchange, convey and otherwise
my real or personal property or any
ceeds thereof and the income
upon such terms as my said Attorney
isfer any such property to the trustee
or for my benefit;

withdraw from any bank, savings and ion, financial institution, brokerage my assets, any moneys, time per or securities, which I may now or be entitled;

r surrender, any annuities, annuity licies of which I am owner.

end or compromise any and all legal or nnection with my affairs;

negotiate and accept checks, drafts, tes and other obligations;

- (6) To have access to any safe deposit box of which I am a tenant or co-tenant with full power to withdraw or change from time to time the contents thereof; and to exchange or surrender the box and keys thereto, renew any rental contract therefore, and to do and perform all things which any depository agency, association or bank or its agent may require on the premises hereby releasing the lessor from all liability in connection therewith;
- (7) To exercise all powers and options involving any of my life insurance policies, retirement programs, compensation plans, pension, profit sharing and other employee benefit plans;
- (8) To prepare, execute and file all tax returns and obtain refunds, compromise liabilities and appear for and represent me in connection with any tax matter;
- (9) To vote in any corporate meeting and to otherwise act as my proxy with respect to any shares of stock, bonds, or other investments I may now or hereafter hold and to exercise any options, warrants or rights relative thereto;

- (10) To engage and terminate employees, and professional advisors;
  - (11) To disburse such funds as may be necessary in the sole discretion of my said Attorney for the proper maintenance and support of myself, to continue any support that I may be giving to any members of my family, and to meet any emergencies which befall me such as illness or other misfortune.
  - (12) To perform all other acts necessary or incident to the execution of the power enumerated herein.
  - (13) In the event my daughter, Carol Jean Bowski shall be unable or unwilling to act hereunder as my Attorney in Fact, I appoint my son, Jerry A. Reece as my Attorney in Fact with full powers as hereinabove set forth for my daughter Carol Jean Bowski.

Any lawful act performed by my said Attorney shall be binding upon myself, my heirs, beneficiaries, personal representatives and assigns. I reserve the right to amend or revoke this Power of Attorney at any time hereafter; provided, however, any financial institution or other party dealing with my said Attorney may rely upon this Power of Attorney until receipt by it of a duly executed copy of my revocation thereof. Subject to the powers given herein to my said Attorney, I hereby retain all legal title to my property, and I do not intend hereby to create a trust or to hold my said Attorney responsible as a trustee.

Any reproduced copy of this signed original shall be deemed to be an original counterpart of this Power of Attorney. This Durable Power of Attorney shall not be affected by any legal incapacity during my lifetime, except as provided by statute.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of November, 1996.

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

Robert W. Brott

Maria V. Wilson

Cocil A Pooce

STATE OF MICHIGAN )
COUNTY OF GRAND TRAVERSE ) ss.

On this 4th day of November, 1996, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared ---, to me known to be the same person described in and who executed the within instrument, who acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Robert W. Brott, Notary Public Grand Traverse County, Michigan My commission expires: 7/8/98

PREPARED BY:
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DETACH AND RETAIN THIS STATEMENT
THE ATTACHED CHECK IS IN PAYMENT OF ITEMS CHECKED ABOVE
IF NOT CORRECT PLEASE NOTIFY US PROMPTLY.